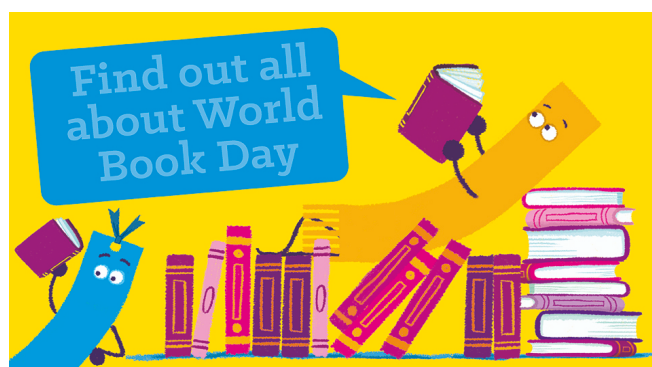


Dear Parents/Carers and Families!

One of our core aims at Piddle Valley is to nurture a love of books and in reading for pleasure. We know that Piddle Valley children all enjoy books that give them the giggles, that cast a spell over them, and have them saying, “just one more chapter!” We hope to create book-loving memories for special stories they will remember sharing with you (and with us!) for years to come.

On Thursday 3rd March we would like all Piddle Valley children and their families to come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure!



Piddle Valley get ready for #WorldBookDay! www.worldbookday.com

On Thursday 3rd March we encourage all children to bring their favourite book character to life by dressing-up! Come to school dressed as your favourite book character and bring the book with you to share with your class! We would really love to see favourite book characters (rather than superheroes and football kits) and if you are stuck for ideas, this link is very useful!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>



Our recent Reading Pupil Voice Survey showed that all children want to be read to at home!

It's never too early to read stories with your child and children are never too old to be read to! Spending just ten minutes every day enjoying books together can make a BIG difference to your child's development. Sharing stories boosts creativity and imagination, improves wellbeing, is a positive experience for everyone - and is great fun! How many ten minute stories can you fit into your day?



In School, we will be taking part in 'Stop, Drop and Read' - when the school handbell rings, we will have to stop and drop whatever we are doing and read a book!

We will also be taking part in 'The Big Read' where the whole school will come together to read in mixed-age groups. This is a lovely opportunity for older children to read to our youngest book enthusiasts!

We are looking forward to a star-studded cast of authors, illustrators and hosts on 'Share a Story LIVE' to celebrate the most exciting booky day of the year!

Please also bring in a book (in good condition) for our Book Swap, where children can exchange their book for another! Children can bring this book in on Tuesday 1st March!

BOOKSWAP



Look out for your £1 book token coming home too!

We can't wait for World Book Day!

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